

1 **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

2 1. A method for configuring browser settings for a browser program executable on
3 a computer connected to a network of computers, wherein the browser program is
4 configurable according to at least two browser settings, the method comprising:

5 configuring the browser program with at least one of the at least two browser
6 settings when a time-value condition is satisfied.

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8 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of periodically configuring the
9 browser program comprises:

10 determining whether a predetermined time-value satisfies the time value
11 condition; and

12 if so, configuring the browser.

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14 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the time-value condition is user-defined.

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16 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the time-value condition is a day and time of
17 day.

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19 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the browser settings comprise at least one
20 browser toolbar configuration, wherein the toolbar configuration comprises;
21 determining whether a time-value condition associated with the toolbar
22 configuration is satisfied; and

23 if so, configuring the browser.

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25 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the toolbar configuration comprises at least
26 one configuration selected from the group consisting of a standard toolbar, a
27 navigation toolbar, an address toolbar, and a user-defined toolbar.

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29 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the browser settings comprise at least one
30 visited -network address accessed by the browser program.

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32 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

1 receiving at least one electronic document containing at least one network
2 address;

3 determining whether the network address within the electronic document is a
4 previously visited network address;

5 if so, verifying whether a time-value condition associated with at least one of
6 the visited addresses is satisfied; and

7 if so, rendering the electronic document in a manner indicating the network
8 addresses within the document as being visited.

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10 9. The method of claim 7, wherein the network addresses are stored-as
11 bookmarks.

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13 10. A signal-bearing medium containing a program for configuring browser
14 settings for a browser program executable on a computer connected to a network of
15 computers, wherein the browser program is configurable according to at least two
16 browser settings, the configuration program when executed by a processor, performs a
17 method, comprising:
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19 configuring the browser program with one or more of the at least two browser
settings when a time-value condition is satisfied.

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21 11. The signal-bearing medium of claim 10, wherein the step of periodically
22 configuring the browser program comprises:

23 determining whether a predetermined time-value satisfies the time value
24 condition; and

25 if so, configuring the browser.

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27 12. The signal-bearing medium of claim 10, wherein the time-value condition is
28 user-defined.

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30 13. The signal-bearing medium of claim 10, wherein the time-value condition is a
31 day and time of day.

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33 14. The signal-bearing medium of claim 10, wherein the browser settings comprise

1 at least one browser toolbar configuration, wherein the toolbar configuration
2 comprises;

3 determining whether a time-value condition associated with the toolbar
4 configuration is satisfied; and

5 if so, configuring the browser.

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7 15. The signal-bearing medium of claim 14, wherein the toolbar configuration
8 comprises at least one configuration selected from the group consisting of a standard
9 toolbar, a navigation toolbar, an address toolbar, and a user-defined toolbar.

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11 16. The signal-bearing medium of claim 10, wherein the browser settings comprise
12 at least one visited network address accessed by the browser program.

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14 17. The signal-bearing medium of claim 16, further comprising:
15 receiving at least one electronic document containing at least one network
16 address;

17 determining whether the network address within the electronic document is a
18 previously visited network address;

19 if so, verifying whether a time-value condition associated with at least one of
20 the visited addresses is satisfied; and

21 if so, rendering the electronic document in a manner indicating the network
22 addresses within the document as being visited.

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24 18. The signal-bearing medium of claim 16, wherein the network addresses are
25 stored as bookmarks.

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27 19. A computer system connected to a network of computers, the computer system
28 comprising:

29 a computer comprising a processor and a memory containing a browser and at
30 least two browser configurations; and

31 a program which, when executed the computer is configured to perform the
32 steps comprising configuring the browser program with at least one or more of at least
33 2 browser settings when a time-value condition is satisfied.

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2 20. The system of claim 19, wherein the step of periodically configuring the
3 browser program comprises:

4 determining whether a predetermined time-value satisfies the time-value
5 condition; and
6 if so, configuring the browser.

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8 21. The system of claim 19, wherein the browser settings comprise at least one
9 browser toolbar configuration, wherein the toolbar configuration comprises;
10 determining whether a time-value condition associated with the toolbar
11 configuration is satisfied; and

12 if so, configuring the browser.

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14 22. The system of claim 21, wherein the toolbar configuration comprises at least
15 one configuration selected from the group consisting of a standard toolbar, a
16 navigation toolbar, an address toolbar, and a user-defined toolbar.

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18 23. The system of claim 19, wherein the browser settings comprise at least one
19 visited network address accessed by the browser program contained in a data structure
20 accessible by the processor.

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22 24. The system of claim 23, further comprising:

23 receiving at least one electronic document containing at least one network
24 address;

25 determining whether at least one network address is a previously visited
26 network address contained in a data structure accessible by the processor;

27 if so, verifying whether a time-value condition associated with at least one of
28 the visited addresses is satisfied; and

29 if so, rendering the electronic document in a manner indicating the network
30 addresses within the document as being visited.

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32 25. The system of claim 23, wherein the network addresses are stored as
33 bookmarks in a bookmark data structure.